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complete without mentioning the appreciation felt by Elders, Saints and our friends in perusing its pages. It may be of interest to some to learn that your correspondent is the only one of the boys released to return home from the B. Y. A. expedition while in Mexico, who remained in the mission field, and I wish to say that I have been highly favored of the Lord, and I rejoice exceedingly to have been counted worthy to remain in the mission field. I have now labored in this mission 19 months, and I feel grateful for this privilege.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES.

HEALED BY FAITH.
Given Up by Physicians But Made Well in Answer to Prayer.

Elder J. Walker relates the following incident. In a letter dated Coy, McDonald county, Mo., March 24:
On the 7th of March 1902, in company with Elder Freeman R. Tanner, I came into the little town of Coy. We secured a schoolhouse and began holding meetings on March 8. A man by name of Jeph Mitchell had been sick for months, and at that time was thought to be on his deathbed. He had em-

played two of the leading physicians of the county, but they gave him up. The family, learning that we were in the neighborhood, sent their boy to the meeting to ask us to come and stay over night with them. This we did, and talked with them on the principles of the Gospel. Next morning we continued our conversation, and they desired that we should administer to him. We did so, and the patient testifies that the pain left him. In a very short time he rose from his bed. He has been up every day since, and is gaining strength rapidly. This seems to have made quite an impression upon the people. Our hopes are that it will cause them to search for the truth and find it, that the work of the Lord might spread rapidly.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Juarez Stake.
Colonia Juarez, Mexico, March 8.—The quarterly conference of the Juarez stake of Zion convened in Colonia Juarez at 10 a. m. on Saturday, the 8th inst. Elders A. W. Ivins and Helaman Pratt presiding. After the usual opening exercises Elder Ivins spoke of the general prosperity of all the colonies in this mission, notwithstanding the long continued drought; also of the spiritual and temporal prosperity of the people as evidenced in their contributions to the tithing fund, which was greater in amount last season than ever before. He referred to the progress of the work in this republic as being very satisfactory.

Bishop G. M. Haws of Chihuahua reported his ward as in a prosperous condition, having been blessed with abundant crops notwithstanding the dry and unfavorable season.

At 2 p. m. conference reconvened. The Pacheco ward was reported by Bishop's counselor O. B. Cooley as being in a prosperous condition. Bishop G. W. Hardy was absent, being called to Sonora on account of the accidental death of Bro. Haws in that state last long since.

Bishop Orson P. Brown next reported the Morelos ward of Sonora. Like the previous speakers he reported his ward in a prosperous condition, rapidly increasing in numbers, with a rich soil, abundant water for irrigation, and healthy climate. He referred to the recent death of Patriarch Edward Barker and testified to his integrity in the highest terms.

Elder George H. Reed, just home from a mission in the United States, next addressed the Saints in an interesting manner. Bishop Whelton of Garcia being absent in New Mexico on account of the accidental death of Brother Hassell, who was recently killed by a tree falling upon him, the ward was reported by his counselor Elder Vance Sheffer as being also in a prosperous condition, although suffering like the other colonies from the extreme drought.

Bishop George C. Naegely, of Oaxaca, state of Sonora, next reported his ward as prosperous with a marked increase in the water supply notwithstanding the severe drought. He was followed by Bishop Samuel J. Robinson of Durango, state of Chihuahua, who also reported that ward as in a prosperous condition financially and spiritually.

Elder Anson B. Cull, recently home from a mission in the interest of the Mutual Improvement work in Utah, gave an interesting account of his labors.

At 5 p. m. a Priesthood meeting was held. Stake Recorder Bishop J. C. Bentley presented the names of home missionaries for the ensuing quarter. They were all unanimously sustained.

Elder Ivins said that in consequence of the death of Patriarch W. R. Stowell, who was counselor to Priest A. F. McDonald, of the High Priests' quorum of the stake, it was necessary to fill the vacancy. He presented the name of Lemuel H. Reed, an agreeable to Priest McDonald, to fill that vacancy, and on motion the nomination was sustained unanimously. Priest McDonald then presented the name of Erasmus Beck, of Diaz, to be ordained a High Priest, which nomination was sustained by unanimous vote.

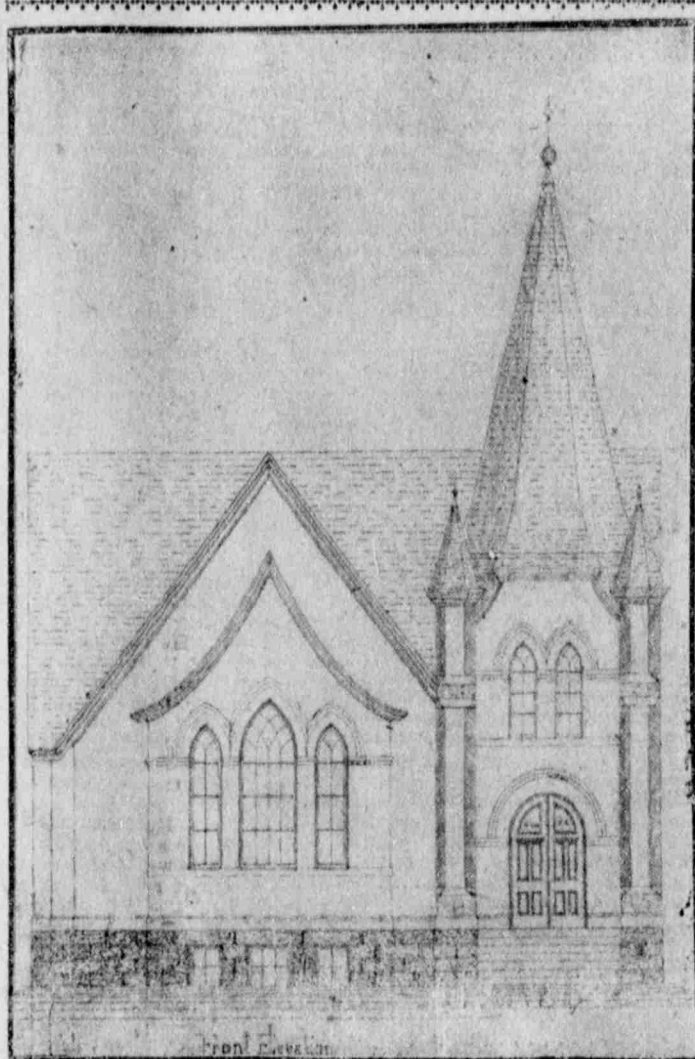
Elder Ivins spoke on the subject of tithing; observance of the Sabbath; the support of our academy and other schools; the principle of co-operation in financial matters; and other subjects essential to our spiritual and temporal welfare.

Elder Pratt advised home missionaries to preach the plain fundamental principles of the Gospel without devoting too deeply into subjects not plain, and set forth in the revelations given, and discouraged the raising of unnecessary questions in Sunday schools. He referred to the laws relating to marriage in Mexico, and urged the necessity of strictly obeying them.

Patriarch McDonald also spoke of the necessity of obeying the laws of Mexico relative to marriage.

Bishop Haws presented the names of

NEW WARD MEETING HOUSE.



This handsome church edifice is to be erected at once at the corner of P and Fourth streets, by the members of the Twenty-seventh ecclesiastical ward. When it is remembered that this ward is little more than a month old no further comment on the industry and enterprise of its members is necessary. The building is patterned somewhat after the one recently erected by the people of the Twenty-fourth ward; there are, however, some slight variations. The cost will be little less than \$7,000. It will be constructed of brick and its seating capacity will be about 450 on the main floor. There will be an ample basement to be used for Sunday school sessions and the meetings of the Priesthood quorums, and the like. The work is in the hands of a building committee composed of the bishop of the ward and Elders Josiah Burrows, William T. Atkin, Walter W. Williams, C. O. Johnson, Andrew Hyrup, Scott W. Anderson, James E. Talmage and William H. King.

John G. Robinson is the architect and it is anticipated that the building will be completed this summer.

Alfred Baker and J. H. Carton for ordination as High Priests, and on motion they were unanimously sustained.

On Sunday morning the conference again convened. Bishop W. D. Johnson reported the Diaz ward as in an improved condition and the people more prosperous than formerly.

Elder H. Pratt spoke of the necessity of understanding and teaching true principles of doctrine. He was pleased to hear so encouraging reports from all the wards of this stake, and of their prosperous condition. Elder Lee Nelson spoke of his missionary experience in Florida.

At 2 p. m. conference was opened and the Sacrament was administered by Elders Isaac Dana and E. Guy Taylor. The stake recorder then presented the General Church and stake authorities, all of whom were unanimously sustained. Bishop J. C. Bentley reported the Juarez ward, which, like all the others, was prosperous, with a marked increase in tithing.

High counselor, Elder Guy C. Wilson, next spoke of his labors as principal of the Juarez academy, in endeavoring to help the students in their studies.

Elder Ivins said he was greatly pleased with the instructions which had been given, and the reports of the prosperity of all the colonies. He gave much valuable instruction, exhorting all not to feel satisfied to be as we are but to continually seek to improve.

Conference then adjourned, to reconvene at Colonia Diaz on May 12, 1902. There was a very full attendance, the house being crowded to overflowing. The choir, under the leadership of Elder John J. Walser, by their fine rendition of hymns and anthems added much to the pleasure and interest of the meetings.

Elder Ivins and several other speakers spoke feelingly of our loss in the deaths of Patriarchs Stowell and Lunt and Priest Henry Erving during the last quarter, and of their integrity and usefulness. "Their works shall follow them." JAMES H. MARTINEAU, Reporter.

Bear Lake Stake.
The quarterly conference of this Stake convened on March 1 and 2.

On Saturday at 10 a. m. Elder George Teasdale, of the council of Apostles, and the Stake president were on the stand. After the opening exercises Elder William Budge made some remarks, expressing his pleasure in again meeting with the Saints in conference.

Ovid, Sharon, Paris First ward, Paris Second ward and Montpelier were reported by the respective Bishops in excellent condition.

Elder George Teasdale spoke of the work of the redemption of the dead. At the afternoon services Elders George Teasdale and Counselor Joseph H. Hart addressed the meeting. The brotherhood of the Church of Christ; the reliability and sterling integrity of

represented, as well as all the Stake organizations. The presidency talked up the proposed county fair to be held next September and urged the cultivation of the raisin grape in preference to the wine grape. President B. H. Roberts delivered an instructive discourse on the duties of the Priesthood.

The services of Saturday were characterized by a large attendance of the people, and instructions were given on the subject of marriage and home-making.

Elder Roberts spoke of the wonderful faith of this people as evidenced by their bearing the heavy burden of colonizing this mountain region.

Bishop Holt of Hebron told of the wonderful reservoir they are constructing in his ward, and of the great amount of land that it will irrigate.

Bishop Abbott of the Mesquite settlement in Nevada told of the great promise of his section of country and how much they were prospering there even now, and invited more people to join them. He said that some men had come in there and had already put in 19 acres of the seedless raisin, and were making expensive preparations to put in a much larger area.

Bishop Judd reported the White River colonies as a good poor man's farming country, and said that they people out there were prospering and building good homes and doing well. He invited the people to come out and visit them and come prepared to stay out there a week at least.

Elder B. H. Roberts warned the Bishops not to allow the returned missionaries to lay down the harness on returning, but keep them employed in the work of the ministry; also gave the same advice to the missionaries, and told them not to charge their indifference to their Bishop.

Sunday was characterized by larger attendances than ever, the tabernacle being filled. One hour of the morning session was taken up by the Sunday school, after which Elder Roberts gave a talk on the Ten Commandments and advised the rounding of them out by repeating of the summary of them as given by Jesus Christ, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy might, mind, and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

Elder Roberts spoke in the afternoon of the magnitude of the work required to warn the peoples of the earth and of the signs of the beginning of the end, of the wonderful preservation of the uncivilized areas of Africa for the black races, and of the persistent efforts to discover and colonize the land of America, while a great continent at the very doors of Asia and Europe was left uncivilized, and of the fact that this was all changed now. He said that according to the Prophet war was to be poured out upon all the earth, and that when Great Britain called on other nations to help her, then would war be poured out and the end would be in sight.

Fifteen returned missionaries addressed the people, besides several prominent brethren and the Bishops. The tabernacle presented an inviting appearance, it had been all freshly cleaned and renovated. In the evening Elder B. H. Roberts lectured before the M. I. A. conference on "Jesus Christ the Revelation of God to Man."

All express themselves as having experienced a delightful conference.

ARTHUR F. MILES, Clerk.

Hyrum Stake.

The regular quarterly conference of the Hyrum Stake of Zion was held in Hyrum, Sunday and Monday, March 23 and 24, 1902. Elder William C. Parkinson presiding.

Present on the stand were also Apostles M. W. Merrill, M. F. Cowley and Hyrum M. Smith; Pres. Joseph Morrell and Elders M. J. Ballard and Samuel Milton of the Cache stake; Elder I. C. Thorsen of the stake presidency; several High Councilmen, Patriarchs and other leading men.

Elder Parkinson gave an excellent report of the stake. He reported the labors of the M. I. A. missionaries, and also the High Council.

Elder Thorsen bore his testimony to the truth of the report of Elder Parkinson. He believed a reformation has been brought about through the organization of this stake. He encouraged and exhorted all to ally themselves with the work of God and dwell on the importance of saving the youth of Israel.

Elder M. I. Ballard of Logan referred to the early history of the Latter-day Saints and spoke on the mission to the Lamanites, and their destiny. He exhorted all to prepare for the redemption of Zion.

Elder Samuel Milton of Logan spoke on the redemption of Zion and the consummation of God's purposes here on the earth.

Apostle M. W. Merrill expressed his love and appreciation for good singing, and referred to the sweet singing sometimes heard in the Temple, when it was not known who sang. He desired to encourage this divine art. He referred to the early settlement of these valleys and the obstacles confronted and spoke of the indifference and levity that exists among the Saints. He explained the object of conference, and contrasted the condition of the Church in its infancy and now especially in regard to the work of Teachers. He also spoke on the law of tithing, and of Temple work.

Apostle M. F. Cowley exhorted the Saints to do every duty required of them, and cultivate the Spirit of God in order to have power over the Adversary. He explained the object of the Saints in coming to these valleys and spoke on the Word of Wisdom and exhorted all to observe it in order to receive the blessings promised. He dwelt

on the duties of Latter-day Saints, warned the people against sin and iniquity, and admonished them to do everything with an eye single to the glory of God.

The speaker referred to the mission of Satan, and the deception and false doctrines taught by sectarian ministers. He warned all against allying themselves with secret societies.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He contrasted the rules and regulations of the Church in ancient and now, and spoke on the mission of the prophet Joseph Smith. He referred to the carelessness and indifference among the Saints in regard to the work of the Lord.

On Sunday evening the Mutual Improvement associations of the stake held a conference. An excellent program was rendered, after which Apostle Hyrum M. Smith gave some very timely instructions to the young.

The conference throughout, was a most successful one. The Saints enjoyed a spiritual feast in very deed. One feature of the conference was a baritone solo by Elder M. J. Ballard of Logan.

The singing by the stake choir was as usual very excellent.

W. H. ISRAELSEN, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Irwin Crittenden, of Hoytsville, Summit Co., returned on the 28th of this month from a mission to the Eastern states, which was set apart on the 18th day of February, 1900. He has been laboring in the South West Virginia conference, the last month in the office at Charleston. He is very much pleased with his experiences in the field.

Elder Franklin Hansen, of Moreau, Sanpete Co., arrived in this city on the 27th of March, on his way home from a mission to the Wisconsin conference, of the Southern States mission. He was set apart on the 18th day of May, 1900. He says he had a pleasant time in the field and met with very good success.

Elder Samuel Shaw of North Ogden, Weber county, returned on March 22, 1899, to take a mission to the Western States. After arriving at the mission headquarters he was assigned to labor in the South Texas conference. Where he traveled as canvasser. Elder Shaw had been in the field for two months in the City of Galveston, was there during that terrible storm of Sept. 8, 1900, and saw the dead hauled in by the wagon load. The last 11 months he labored among the Saints of that conference. The Elders, he says, have many friends, and the work of the Lord is progressing. He returned home on the 7th of March, 1901.

Elder Neptali A. Anderson of Fillmore, Millard county, returned on the 26th of March from the Lone Star conference, of the Southwestern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 1st of November, 1899.

Elder Anderson bore his testimony as to the success of his mission, and as canvassing Elder and as counselor to Elder A. B. Randall and then to Elder George Barker, when he was appointed conference president.

Elder Joseph Ross of Joseph, Sevier county, was set apart on the 16th of May, 1900, for the Northern States mission, where he has been laboring in this Iowa conference. He returned to this city on the 30th of March last, after an enjoyable and successful mission.

Elder J. H. Stocks of Lewiston, Cache county, returned on the 30th of March from a mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 17th day of January, 1900. He has been laboring in the Chattanooga and Mississippi conferences. He says he had an enjoyable mission.

Elder F. H. Critchlow reports his return from a mission. The letter is dated Oakley, Ida., March 25. He says he was set apart on the 15th of November, 1894, for a mission to the Louisiana States. He labored in the Louisiana States as a canvasser, laboring nine months as a canvassing Elder, and was called to succeed Elder Wm. O. Phelps as president of the conference. When the Louisiana States conference was transferred from the Southern to the Southwestern States, he was again sustained as president, holding that position until his release, March 12, 1902. He enjoyed his labors and had very good health with the exception of some attacks of chills and fever the first summer. The work is progressing in that part of the Lord's vineyard.

Elder Geo. W. Hammond reports by letter, dated Grantsville, March 26, that he was set apart on the 6th of December, 1899, for a mission to the Southern States, and returned March 24, 1902. During his absence he labored the entire time in North Texas conference. He and companions had the privilege of baptizing 39 persons, organizing five Sunday schools, and establishing a branch of the Church.

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CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

Anti-"Mormon" Agitation Not Always a Detriment.

Elder Parley Nelson, in a letter dated Los Angeles, Cal., March 27, reports as follows:

At present, earth here is mantled in her garb of green, decked over and there with flowers of every tint and hue, which fill the air with fragrance and make life very delightful indeed.

But, again to the sweet theme of the Gospel song, I first replied to Dr. Hiff's "Memorandum of Mormonism" talk here in the city, and then at San Diego, each time having a full house. The people listening with attention.

Upon my arrival here from San Diego, I found that Elder D. H. Grow, who was left in charge during my absence, had created a profound sensation by stepping to the front of the platform, by and with the consent of the chairman of the anti-"Mormon" meeting at Simpson's Auditorium, to announce that he would reply to Dr. Hiff's slanders of the "Mormon" people. When this announcement was made, hisses and cries of "mean with him," came from all parts of the building.

The Elders luckily found a safe exit from the crowded hall and thus avoided any contentions.

The result of these anti-"Mormon" meetings has been a boon to us, filling our houses of worship with attentive audiences. Thus we see that even the "wrath of men is made to praise the Lord."

San Bernardino the same good results as following in the wake of Dr. Hiff, so we feel glad to meet with such opposition.

Elder Grow answered the Rev. gentleman's "arguments" in a very forceful and spirited manner before a full house of attentive listeners the following Sunday.

Prest. Robinson being present that Sunday evening he followed in the same line showing the means and methods adopted by Dr. Hiff and his colleagues to "Christianize" the "Mormons."

There were more out to meeting than have ever gathered together before in the history of the branch, and it served to put new life into the Saints as well as to give us many strangers to whom to preach the Gospel.

In company with Elders W. C. Goddard, S. I. Bunnell, Jr., and E. W. McDonald, I went to Randsburg to open up practically a new field, Elders Harvey Ross, R. W. Nelson and myself having been there as traveling Elders last summer.

We were treated most kindly, and much good seed has been, and is being, sown in that mining district.

There are 11 of our good Utah Saints residing in Randsburg, so the Elders have warm beds in which to sleep and good meals to eat.

I may mention that I had the privilege of blessing Brother and Sister Hyrum Duke's baby while on the visit, and it has been my privilege to perform three marriage ceremonies while laboring as a missionary in this state.

Since the new year has dawned there have been 11 baptisms in the conference, and now there is a number of our friends who are at the water's edge. The worst enemy we have to combat here is indifference. The people generally are broad-minded and care but little for religion; they are ardent lovers of pleasure and money.

The Los Angeles Relief society celebrated in a very creditable manner the sixtieth anniversary of its organization at Nauvoo. Much credit is due Sister E. Woolcott, as its president, for the pleasant time, and for the tenacity with which she clings to this commendable work of love.

A letter to the "News" would be in-



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